

**She Is Roofer.**

A most remarkable woman is Mary Mills, of No. 216 Mulberry street, roofer, plumber and tinsmith, who can wipe a joint of pipe as neatly as any man on Manhattan Island. Mrs. Mills is a slight, dark haired, modest, wideawake little woman of 40, who does not know that she is a genius. In 1870 she married Roofer James Mills, and went to live with him at No. 216 Mulberry street. There were rooms back of the little shop which the young wife converted into a home and where her six children were born. While the husband was out roofing some one had to watch the shop. Disabled clothes wringers, treacherous boilers and exhausted kettles, dippers and skillets came in for repairs, and monopolized the space that was needed for her sewing tables and cradle.

Mrs. Mills found that the quickest way to get rid of these neighborly tins was to mend them herself. And so the cradle was pulled over to the bench, where the little woman rocked it with her foot, and while her hands were engaged with the soldering pot she crooned the lullaby that peopled baby's dreams with sunny, bonny creatures. One baby followed another; the sewing was put out, so was the family washing, and the cheery little tinker cut and hammered and soldered away, pocketing the bright bits of silver that enabled her to run the house and feed and clothe her little ones. Business in those days was brisk. It meant a dime a minute to her, and she soon learned to join a pipe in two minutes. Men and women flocked to the Mills shop with urgency jobs just to see her work. Everybody comes on business, though, for the neighbors know her aversion to gossip and busybodies.—New York World.

**A Terrific Brain Worker.**

Murat Halstead is a shining type of the working journalist. He lives at the Brevoort house. Every morning he is at The Standard-Union office in Brooklyn by 8 o'clock, and sometimes earlier. A dozen pencils have been sharpened for him, and he throws off his coat and plunges into work without any fussy preliminaries. He writes steadily until 1:30 p. m. The result is over a half page of strong, yet graceful, expression of editorial opinions. Then Mr. Halstead writes a column—often a two-column—letter to his Cincinnati paper. This he sends every day, Sundays included. His associates in Brooklyn look upon him with wondering eyes. But Mr. Halstead says that he has found some difficulty in filling in his spare time. For that reason he has now taken up some "outside" literary work.

Some little time before he left Cincinnati Mr. Halstead employed a stenographer. But he filled the stenographer's notebook in no time. Then, having so much more time than he needed, he would take up his pencil and busy himself again. The consequence was that he did about two men's work, and he was pretty well tired out when his day was over. With all his capacity for work he is invariably in good spirits. He reads the thrusts of political opponents with amusement—the sharper they are the more he is amused. Then he takes his pencil and responds.—New York Times.

**A Petrified Monster.**

The long continued drought in central and southern Iowa has brought to light the petrified remains of some antediluvian monster, over which the waters of the Des Moines river have rolled for centuries. The resting place of this original first settler is in the bed of the river near the little village of Percy, in Marion county. During the great drought of three years ago, when the river was lower than it had ever been within the memory of white men, S. R. Dawson, a gentleman living near Percy, claimed that he had found a "queer thing" in the river near town. The

present dry spell proves that Dawson was right, and that his "queer thing" is an extinct monster of gigantic proportions. The head has become detached and lies forty or fifty feet from the body, which is now about fifteen yards in length, notwithstanding the fact that several joints are missing. At a distance of thirteen feet from the tip of the tail the stony monster is four feet nine inches in breadth.—St. Louis Republic.

**One of Cervantes' Eccentric Countrymen.**

"No Englishman goes ever to bed," says a Spanish proverb, "without having committed some eccentricity," but it seems that the same saying might justly be applied to some of Don Quixote's countrymen. At all events the old gentleman of the name of Senor Don Juan Bantista de Guzman Caballero, duke de Najera, whose will has just been proved, certainly belonged to the "eccentrics." In his elaborately worded will, and after giving a great many particulars as to how his funeral is to be conducted, he goes on to say that no notice whatever is to be published of his death, and that it will be "wearisome" to him if on his journey to his last resting place he will be followed by friendly funeral coaches. Another of the old duke's "eccentricities" consisted of keeping his money, amounting to £40,000, safely hidden away in his coffers, whence it will now be removed by his usufruct heirs.—Pall Mall Gazette.

**Hotel Expenses in Summer.**

"Our receipts are about \$7,500 a day in busy times," said a clerk of the best known hotel in New York on the American plan, "but at very dull seasons, such as the last week in July and the first two in August usually are, this amount falls to about \$3,500 per day. Now, as our expenses are only about 10 per cent. less in dull than at busy times, the inference as to the comparative profit of keeping an 'American' hotel in midsummer and in midwinter is irresistible. For we actually employ more help in midsummer, owing to painting, house cleaning, etc." The difference in the receipts of a leading hotel on the European plan in its dull and lively seasons is about as great, but the difference in the necessary expenditures is enormously greater.—New York Letter.

**The Farmer in Politics.**

The Farmers' Alliance was not essentially political at its inception, but it was formed for the protection of the agricultural community against the legalized assaults of corporations and protected monopolists. Therefore it was doomed from the beginning to take an active part in political affairs, for social relations will lie at the bottom of our politics for some years to come, and probably generations yet unborn will find themselves face to face with problems that are now disturbing the country.

The farmers have been rudely awakened to the fact that they have been the sport of most astute and selfish interests; that they have been unduly taxed without resulting benefit, and that the helpful forces of government have drained them for the benefit of men who are enriched by unjust taxation.

In the west the earnest and indignant protest against this injustice has drawn the farmers out of the Republican party. In the south the farmers are capturing Democratic conventions. The result will probably be healthful.—New York World.

**Stick a Pin Here.**

These are days of subterfuges—times when men greet principles with one hand and strangle them with the other; and it is, above all, needful now to insist on what we may call the principles of loyalty. Let there be no shams. Require every man to show his hand, express his convictions and live up to his principles. Too many men in public po-

sitions are, to use a homely expression, trying to carry water on both shoulders. They acquiesce in your views, express sympathy with your cause and promise you a faithful support; but at the time you need their services, at the very moment when their presence is most desired, they are unaccountably absent. Shun all such in future.—Farmers' Friend.

When the American farmers place principle above partisan politics, and learn to think and act for themselves and in their own interests, they will secure favorable legislation.—Rural New Yorker.

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